

August 10, 2012

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Re: Type A Water Licence 2AM-DOH0713 – Renewal and Amendment 4 Application

Dear Ms. Beaulieu,

Hope Bay Mining Ltd. ("HBML") is submitting this Amendment 4 application to amend and renew the Type A Water Licence 2AM-DOH0713 (the "Type A Water Licence"). This submission replaces a previous Amendment 4 package submitted to the Nunavut Water Board ("NWB") in 2011 that was never distributed for comment.

As you are aware, HBML's parent company, Newmont Mining Corporation, placed the Hope Bay project under care and maintenance for an unspecified amount of time on January 31, 2012. As a result of this decision, HBML could no longer proceed with the activities proposed in the original Amendment 4 application and requested that the NWB not distribute the November 2011 amendment application while decisions were made to reflect the project's status.

This Amendment 4 application requests:

- A renewal of the current Type A Water Licence for a ten-year period commencing in 2013;
- Minor amendments to the site monitoring and reporting requirements during the care and maintenance phase of the project by inserting a Part M Care and Maintenance section to the Type A Water Licence; and
- Various administrative revisions to the Type A Water Licence to consolidate all previous approved amendments and to reflect the current state of construction at Doris North.

Along with the enclosed cheque for application fee, HBML is submitting the following documents in order to obtain the amendment and renewal of the Type A Water Licence:

- Renewal application form;
- Supporting Documentation
 - *Appendix A*: Summary of the application in English;
 - *Appendix B*: Summary of the application in Inuktitut;
 - *Appendix C*: Newmont's 2011 Annual Report;

- *Appendix D:* HBML's Certificate of Incorporation and list of directors;
- *Appendix E:* Compliance Status;
- *Appendix F:* Type A Water Licence 2AM-DOH0713 (Marked to Show Past Amendments and Suggested Changes)
- *Appendix G:* SRK Water Licence Amendments Supporting Memo
- *Appendix H:* Windy Lake Fresh Water Intake
- *Appendix I:* Doris North Landfill Amendment Supporting Materials

If you have any questions or comments with respect to the enclosed materials, please do not hesitate to contact me at chris.hanks@newmont.com or Lea-Marie Bowes-Lyon at lea-marie.bowes-lyon@newmont.com.

Sincerely,

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